

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-3, 11-15, and 17-20, and amend claim 16 as follows:

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) A combination handheld sealer/wireless scanning/imaging device

comprising:

(a) a handle assembly having an outer portion comprising a base, a grip portion adjacent said base, and a head portion adjacent said grip portion, and an inner portion defining a battery compartment;

(b) a frame attached to the head portion of said handle assembly, said frame having two or more recesses formed therein;

(c) a wireless scanning/imaging device mounted within a recess provided in said frame;
and

(d) a carton sealer mounted within a recess provided in said frame.

5. (Original) The combination handheld sealer/wireless scanning/imaging device of claim 4, further comprising an antenna conductively connected with said wireless scanning/imaging device.

6. (Original) The combination handheld sealer/wireless scanning/imaging device of claim 4, wherein said carton sealer is a tape dispenser.

7. (Original) The combination handheld sealer/wireless scanning/imaging device of claim 4, wherein said carton sealer is a stapler.

8. (Original) The combination handheld sealer/wireless scanning/imaging device of claim

4, wherein said carton sealer is a glue gun.

9. (Original) The combination handheld sealer/wireless scanning/imaging device of claim 4, further comprising one or more electrical contacts disposed upon the base of said handle assembly, and in electrical connection with said battery compartment, wherein a battery placed within said battery compartment may be recharged by a power source via said electrical contacts.

10. (Original) The combination handheld sealer/wireless scanning/imaging device of claim 4, wherein said wireless scanning/imaging device comprises a wireless scanning unit comprising one or more of a laser scanner, a long range laser scanner, a charged coupled device (CCD) scanner, an RFID scanner, and an optical imager.

11-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A method of preparing a package for shipment using a combination handheld sealer/wireless scanning/imaging device according to claim 11, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) sealing said package via a sealer provided on said combination handheld adhesive applicator/wireless scanning device; and

(b) recording identification information provided on or in said package via said wireless scanning device,

wherein said sealer is a tape dispenser, stapler or glue gun.

17-20. (Cancelled)